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***Response to Amendment***

The reply filed on 26 September 2001 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicant's reply filed on 30 May 2001 fails to comply with the new amended practice of revised 37 CFR § 1.121. See 65 Fed. Reg. 54637 and 1238 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 77. As of 01 March 2001, all amendments must be in compliance with revised § 1.121. The new rules require Applicant to submit clean new or replacement paragraphs or claims. In addition, the rules require submission of a marked up version of the changed paragraph or claims. Applicant's "clean copy" of the amended claims contains underlining, which may indicate additions and deletions to be made to the claims and specification. Although in this particular instance, it does appear that Applicant appeared to indicate that *in vivo* should be italicized, under the new rules underlined portions of the claims are not permitted under any circumstances. See 37 CFR § 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136(a).

***Conclusion***

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